

1.27 **Conflict of Interest**

POLICY:

Both, the Local Agency and State Agency shall ensure no undeclared Conflict of Interest or the appearance of Conflict of Interest exists for any employee of a Local Agency or State Agency. A Conflict of Interest will be deemed to exist when an employee of a Local or State WIC agency is also a participant, parent/guardian, or caregiver, or who works or who has relatives who work at or own a WIC approved grocery store.

PROCEDURE:

A. Conflict of Interest

1. Both the Local Agency and State Agency must maintain a file containing the signed **Conflict of Interest Statement** (see **Attachment #1**).
2. The Local Agency Director and State Agency Director shall ensure that every WIC employee sign and date the **Conflict of Interest Statement** (see **Attachment #1**) each fiscal year, October 1st through September 30th.
3. A WIC employee who is a participant, parent/guardian, or caregiver must follow **Policy 1.18, Separation of Duties**.
4. Local Agency compliance with this policy will be monitored during the State Agency Program Review and Local Agency Internal Review.

REFERENCES:

1. WIC Regulations 7 CFR 246.12 Food delivery methods

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Conflict of Interest Statement